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at least one tie-down track mounted on the body such that a mounting surface of the track is recessed with respect to the contour of adjacent portions of a horizontal plane of the body and a slotted surface of the track does not extend appreciably beyond the horizontal plane of the body.

3. (Twice Amended) A truck, comprising:

a body having a cab, an exterior cargo bed behind the cab, side walls on left and right sides of the exterior cargo bed to serve as boundaries of the exterior cargo bed on the left and right sides, and a tailgate at a rearward end of the exterior cargo bed;

at least one tie-down track, the tie-down track being integral with the body of the truck such that the exterior contour of the track does not extend appreciably beyond the contour of adjacent portions of the body; and

a fitting which can be slidably moved within the track and then fixed in position, the entire fitting being releasable from the track.

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4. (Twice Amended) A truck, comprising:

a body having a cab, an exterior cargo bed behind the cab, side walls on left and right sides of the exterior cargo bed to serve as boundaries of the exterior cargo bed on the left and right sides, and a tailgate at a rearward end of the exterior cargo bed; and

at least one tie-down track, the tie-down track being integral with the body of the truck such that the exterior contour of the track does not extend appreciably beyond the contour of adjacent portions of the body,

wherein the track does not extend appreciably beyond a horizontal plane of a floor of the exterior cargo bed.

5. (Twice Amended) A truck, comprising:

a body; and

at least one tie-down track mounted on the body such that a mounting surface of the track is recessed with respect to the contour of adjacent portions of a horizontal

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plane of the body and a slotted surface of the track does not extend appreciably beyond the horizontal plane of the body,

wherein the body comprises a cargo bed and the track is mounted at a front of the cargo bed parallel to a rear end of a cab of the truck.

6. (Twice Amended) A truck as set forth in claim 1, wherein the tie-down track is mounted in the exterior cargo bed parallel to a longitudinal direction of the truck.

b2 7. (Twice Amended) A truck as set forth in claim 6, further comprising: a second tie-down track in the exterior cargo bed, the second tie-down track mounted on the body such that a mounting surface of the second tie-down track is recessed with respect to the contour of adjacent portions of the horizontal plane of the body and a slotted surface of the second tie-down track does not extend appreciably beyond the horizontal plane of the body.

8. (Twice Amended) A truck, comprising:  
a body; and  
at least one tie-down track mounted on the body such that a mounting surface of the track is recessed with respect to the contour of adjacent portions of a horizontal plane of the body and a slotted surface of the track does not extend appreciably beyond the horizontal plane of the body,

wherein the body comprises a cargo bed and the tie-down track is located in a side wall of the cargo bed parallel to a longitudinal direction of the truck.

10. (Twice Amended) A truck, comprising:  
a body; and  
at least one tie-down track mounted on the body such that a mounting surface of the track is recessed with respect to the contour of adjacent portions of a horizontal plane of the body and a slotted surface of the track does not extend appreciably beyond the horizontal plane of the body,

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wherein the body comprises a tailgate and wherein the track is supported by the tailgate.

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16. (Amended) A truck as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a fitting which can be slidably moved within the track and then fixed in position, the fitting including a tire <sup>cradle</sup> cradle.

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24. (Amended) A truck as set forth in claim 1, wherein the tie-down track is located outside of the cab.

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31. (Amended) A truck as set forth in claim 4, wherein the at least one tie-down track is mounted wholly external to the cab.

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